



2100 Tulare Street, Suite 619  
Fresno, California 93721-2111

Telephone: (559) 233-4148 • Fax: (559) 233-9645  
Website Address: [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org)

October 29, 2002

Abhijit Bagde, Senior Transportation Engineer  
Caltrans, Division of Programming, MS 82  
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program  
PO Box 942874  
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Dear Mr. Bagde:     **Subject: *Amendment #4 (Administrative Amendment) to the FY 2002/03 thru 2007/08 Council of Fresno County Government's FTIP***

On October 24, 2002, the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board formally approved Amendment #4 (Administrative Amendment) to the *FY 2002/03 through 2007/08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)*. Amendment #4 adjusts the *Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)* for the City of Fresno's Herndon Avenue Widening Project. It was determined in a prior conversation with Rambabu Bavirisetty, that this amendment could be processed as an administrative amendment given the nature of the adjustment.

You should be aware that as per Fresno COG's adopted *Policies and Procedures*, Administrative Amendments are to be used whenever "minor" changes related to project costs, selection, or programming occurs. The project being adjusted meets these criteria. Administrative Amendments are used in lieu of standard FTIP Amendments, and as such, are not subject to Federal and State approval. The purpose of this letter is to notify Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration that this Administrative Amendment has taken place. We have updated the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) to reflect this amendment. If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me or Tony Boren at (559) 233-4148.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Ballantyne", is written over the typed name.

RICK BALLANTYNE/ Planning Coordinator  
Council of Fresno County Governments

Attachments (7 Copies to Caltrans, Division of Programming)

cc:

Doug Ito, California Air Resources Board  
Tom Jordan, SJVUAPCD  
Leigh Levine, Federal Highway Administration  
Bob O'Loughlin, Federal Highway Administration  
Paul Page, Federal Transit Administration  
Mark Brucker, Environmental Protection Agency  
Executive Directors, Valley COGs

Karina O'Connor, EPA  
D. Alan McCuen, Caltrans District 06  
Mark Birnbaum, Caltrans District 06  
Steve Curti, Caltrans District 06  
Marvin Johnson, Caltrans District 06  
Bob Madewell, City of Fresno

**Member Agencies:** The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

**PUBLIC HEARING: FY.2002-03 thru 2007-08 Federal Transportation, Improvement Program  
Amendment #4, (Administrative Amendment), Resolution 2002-43**

**Summary:** FTIP Amendment #4, as identified in your package, is a request by the City of Fresno to amend the *Regional Surface Transportation Program* (RSTP) by changing their Herndon Avenue Road Widening Project (Cedar Avenue to Willow Avenue). This Amendment increases preliminary engineering and right-of-way funding; and decreases construction funding.

During the preliminary engineering/environmental review stages of this project, it was determined that sufficient right-of-way did not exist to widen Herndon Avenue from 4 to 6 lanes and to provide for right-

turn lanes at Maple, Chestnut, and Willow Avenues for east-bound traffic. This Amendment does not change the scope of this project—it only provides funding for necessary right-of-way not originally contemplated during programming.

This amendment will not result in any additional funding being required to complete the project. The City Engineer has indicated that construction funds were overestimated when the project was programmed and that excess funding from the construction phase will be transferred to provide additional funding for preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition. [BALLANTYNE]

**Action:** Staff recommends approval of FTIP Amendment #4 (Administrative Amendment) by adopting Resolution 2002-43.

BEFORE THE  
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2002-43

In the Matter of: )  
 )  
**FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION** )  
**IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** )  
**2002-03 - 2007-08** )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE  
2002-03 FTIP, AMENDMENT #4  
(ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT)  
AMENDS THE REGIONAL  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM (RSTP)

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fresno County Region; and

WHEREAS, the **2002-03 through 2007-08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program** has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment amends the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) by changing the City of Fresno's Herndon Avenue Road Widening Project (Cedar Avenue to Willow Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has provided guidance that projects submitted in the TIP be demonstrated as reasonable requests when compared to available funding and we can affirm that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the COFCG process for TIP project selection is currently serving as the MPO's formal Project Selection Process as required under TEA 21 and is consistent with the outlined guidance; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment has been through a public participation process by being circulated and reviewed by the Council of Fresno County Governments' member agencies representing their technical and management staffs; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the project contained in this amendment has no effect on the air quality conformity analysis or funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Council of Fresno County Governments hereby amends the 2002-03 through 2007-08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program reflecting the project shown in the attached exhibit.**

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 24th day of October, 2002.

AYES: Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County  
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Coalinga, Huron and Orange Cove

ATTEST:

Signed:   
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of October, 2002.

Signed: Barbara Goodwin  
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

**PROGRAM: REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

MPO ID#:	Project Description:	Status:	Phase	Prior Year(s)*	Program Schedule (Costs escalated as per State %s) (\$ in thousands)						Funding Source		
					Triennial Element						Local	State	Federal
					02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08			
FRE020613	Total Escalated Cost: (Previously FRE000613) Widen from Four to Six Lanes. (Kings Canyon Rd. to McKinley Ave.)	In Progress	PE RW Const		2,363.7						271.1		2,092.6
Fresno	TEC = 2,578,223		Total		2,363.7						271.1		2,092.6
FRE020614	Herndon Avenue (Previously FRE000615) Widen From 4 to 6 Lanes Divided. (West Avenue to Marks Avenue)	In Progress	PE RW Const	156.3	100.0						17.9		138.4
Fresno	TEC = 2,500,000		Total	156.3	2,243.7						257.4		1,986.3
FRE020615	Amendment #4 (Administrative Amendment) Herndon Avenue (Previously FRE000616) Widen From 4 to 6 Lanes Divided. (Cedar Avenue to Willow Avenue) Modify Traffic Signal at Willow Ave. Relocate Median Island/Landscape MODIFICATION (See Italics)	In Progress	PE PE RW Const	160.0	115.0 264.9 2,210.3						18.3 13.2 30.4 253.5		141.7 101.8 234.5 1,956.8
Fresno	TEC = 2,750,200		Total	160.0	2,590.2						315.4		2,434.8
FRE020616	Various Major Intersections In Fresno- Lump-Sum Traffic Control Devices and Operating Assistance. Complete Comprehensive Plan To Identify Signal Locations and Install Traffic Control Devices. Complete Signing For Major Streets/Schools Lifeline/AG Conformity Exempt	NEW	PE RW Const			90.4	18.1	795.2			10.4 2.1 91.2		80.0 16.0 704.0
Fresno	TEC = 903,700		Total			90.4	18.1	795.2			103.7		800.0

\*Note: Prior years dollars reflect obligated amounts only.